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(54) **TREAD PORTION OF AN AUTOMOBILE TIRE**

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**DESCRIPTION**

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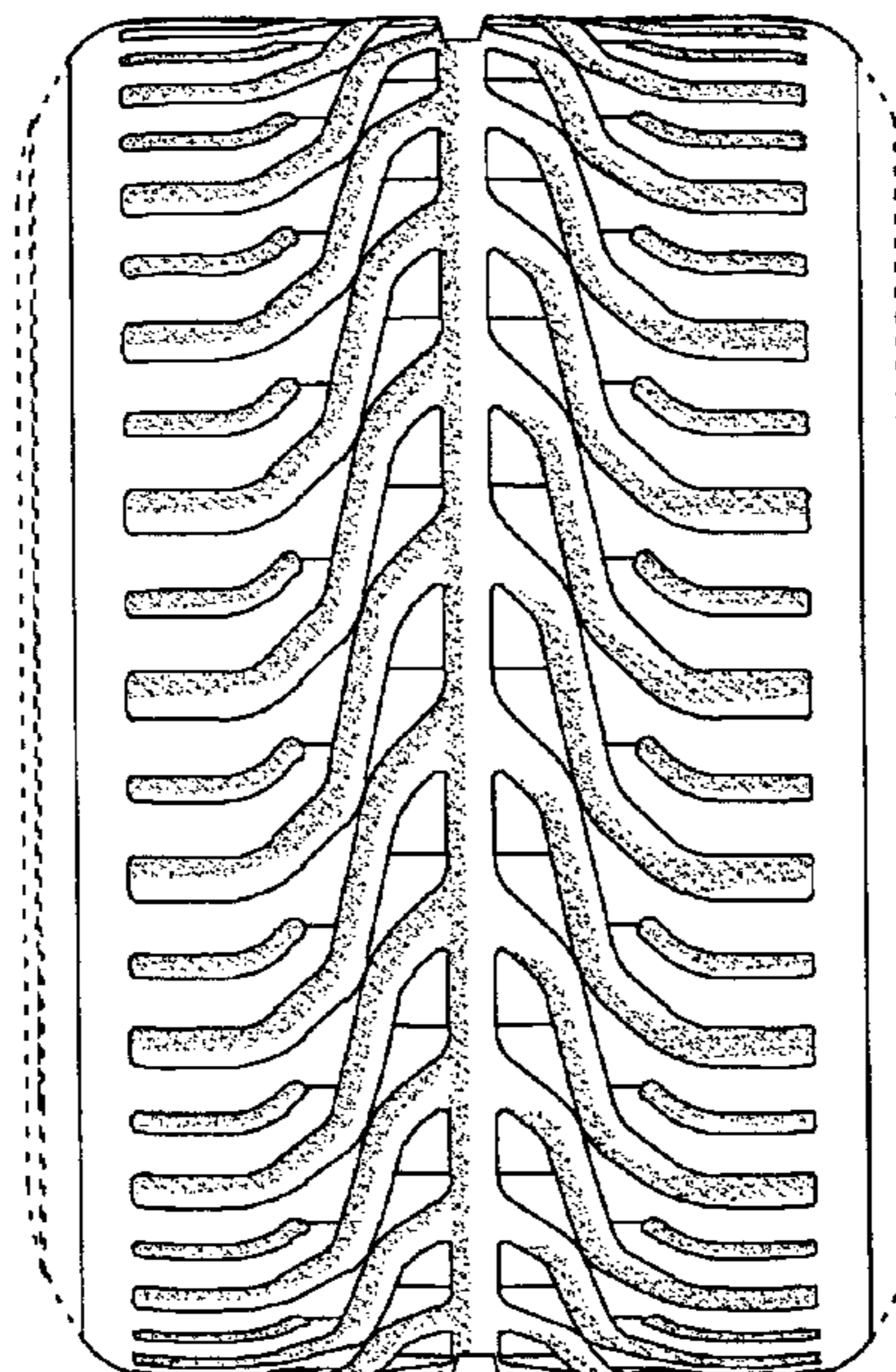


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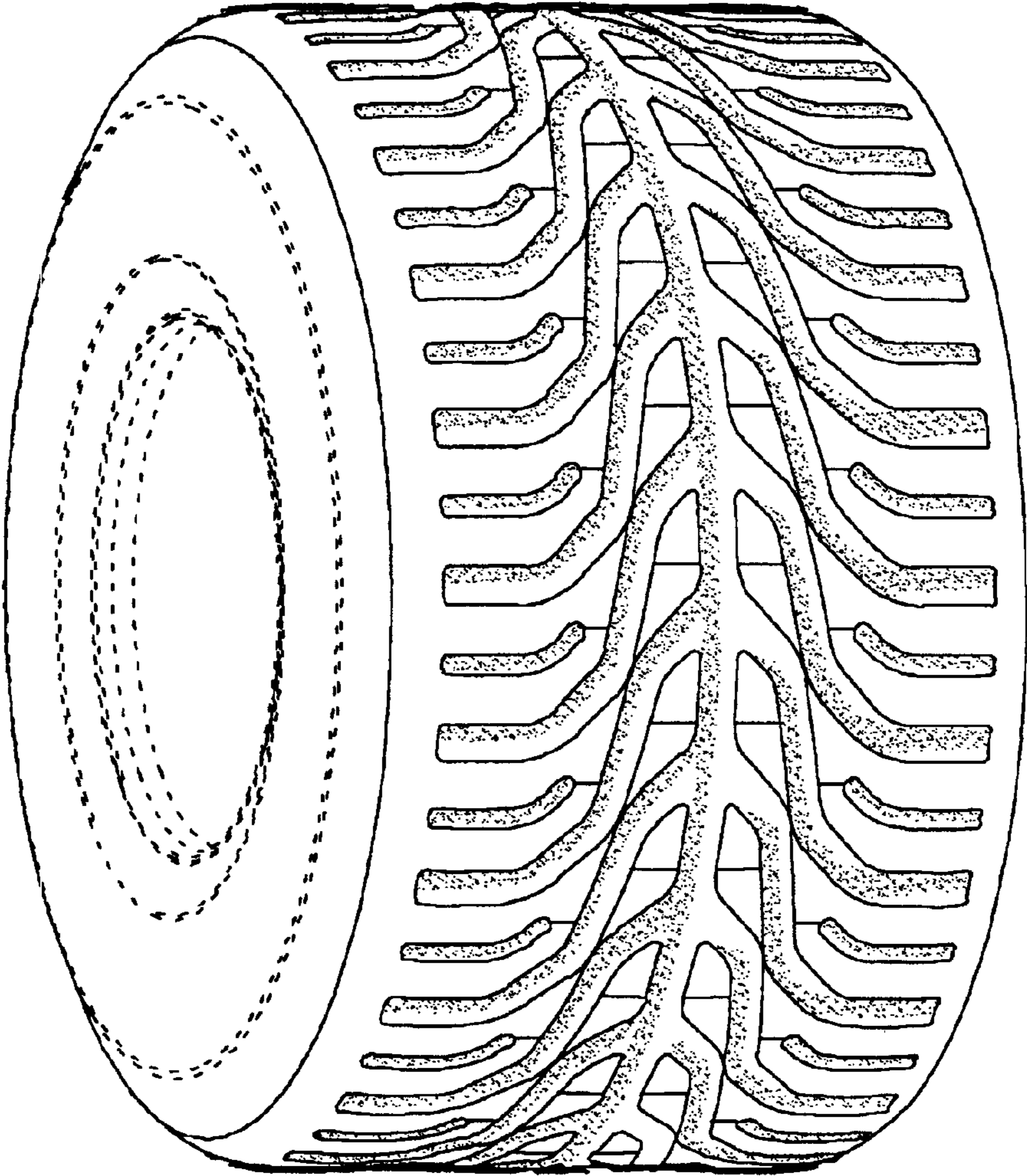


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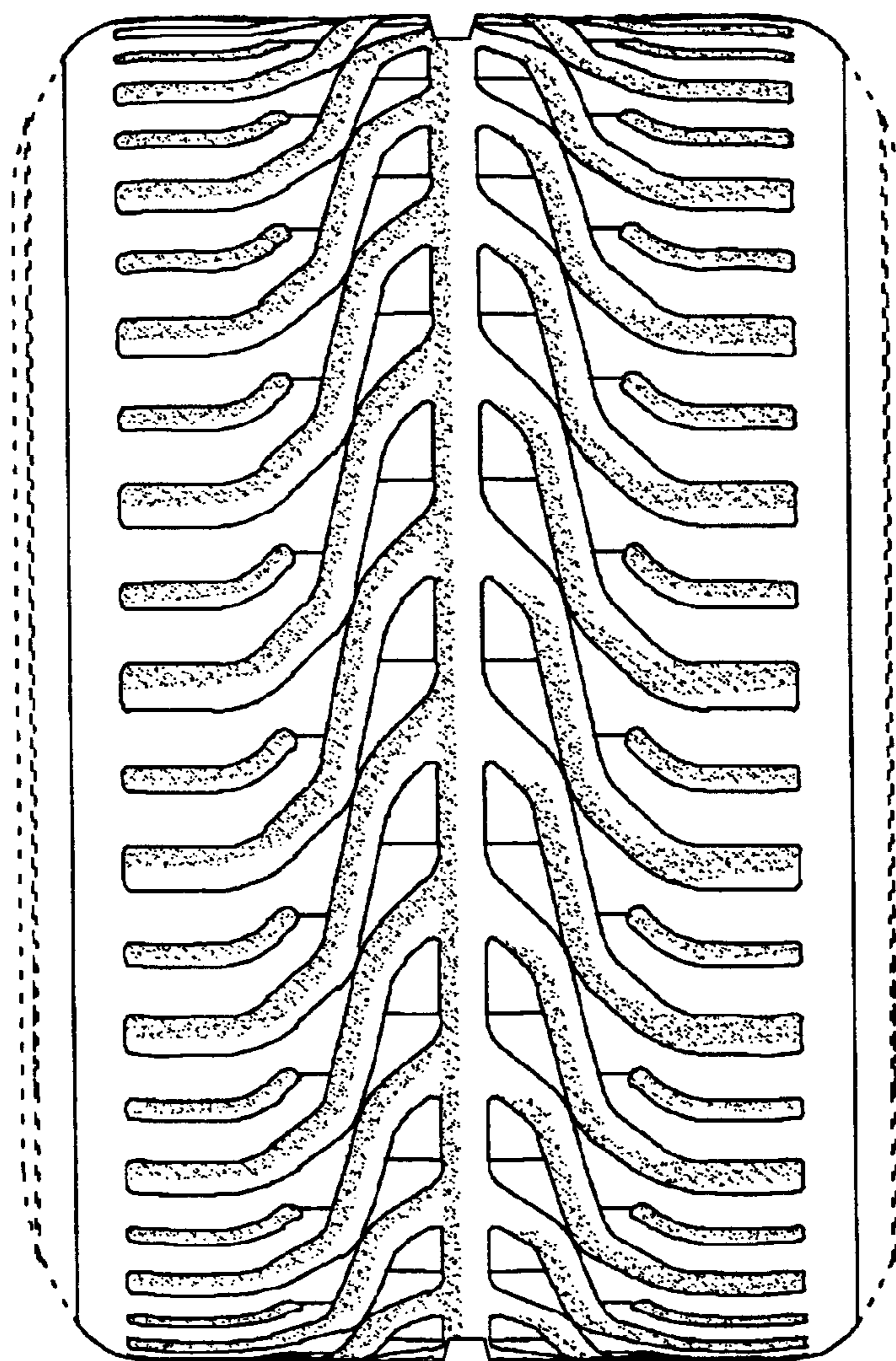


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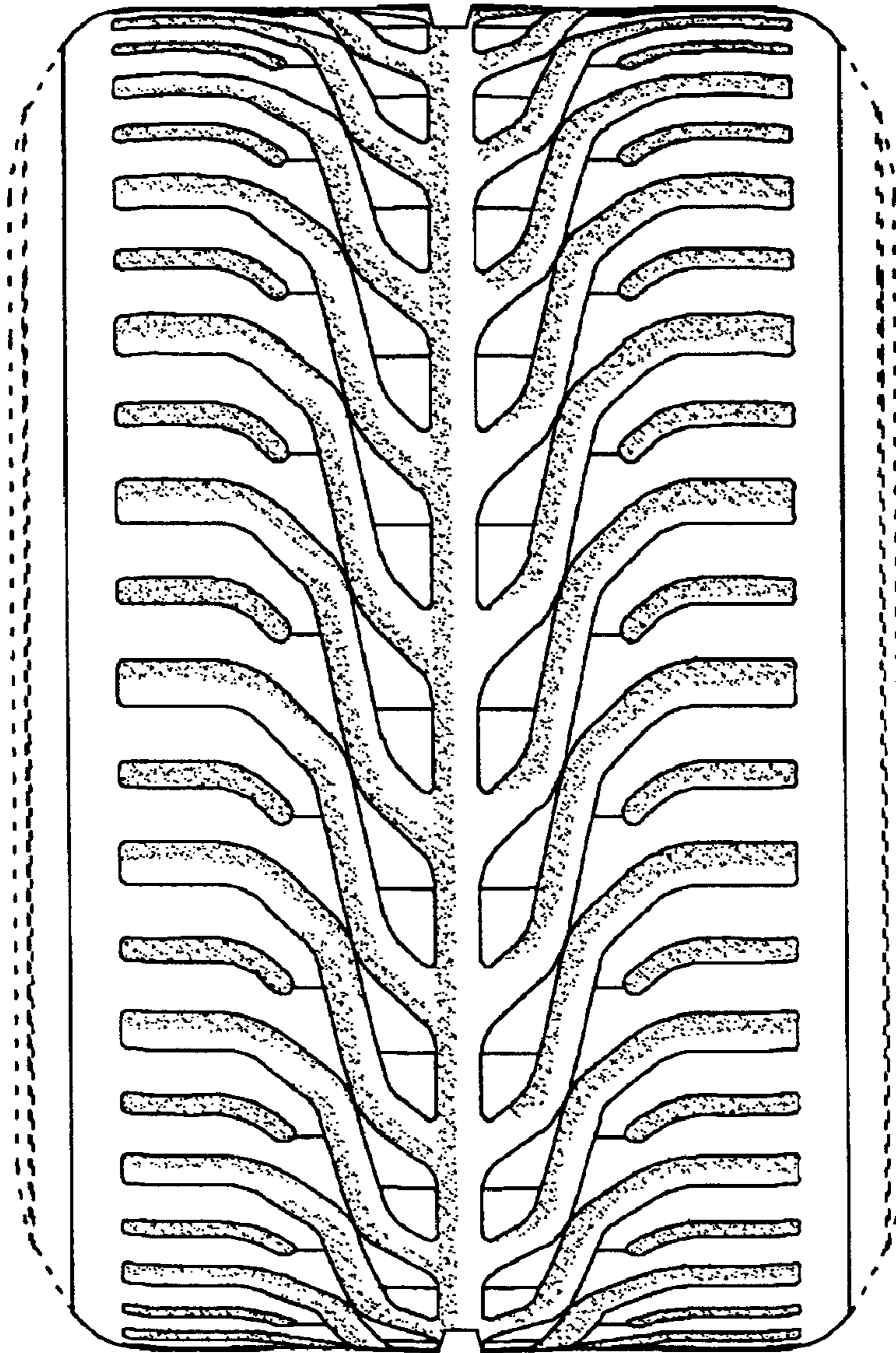


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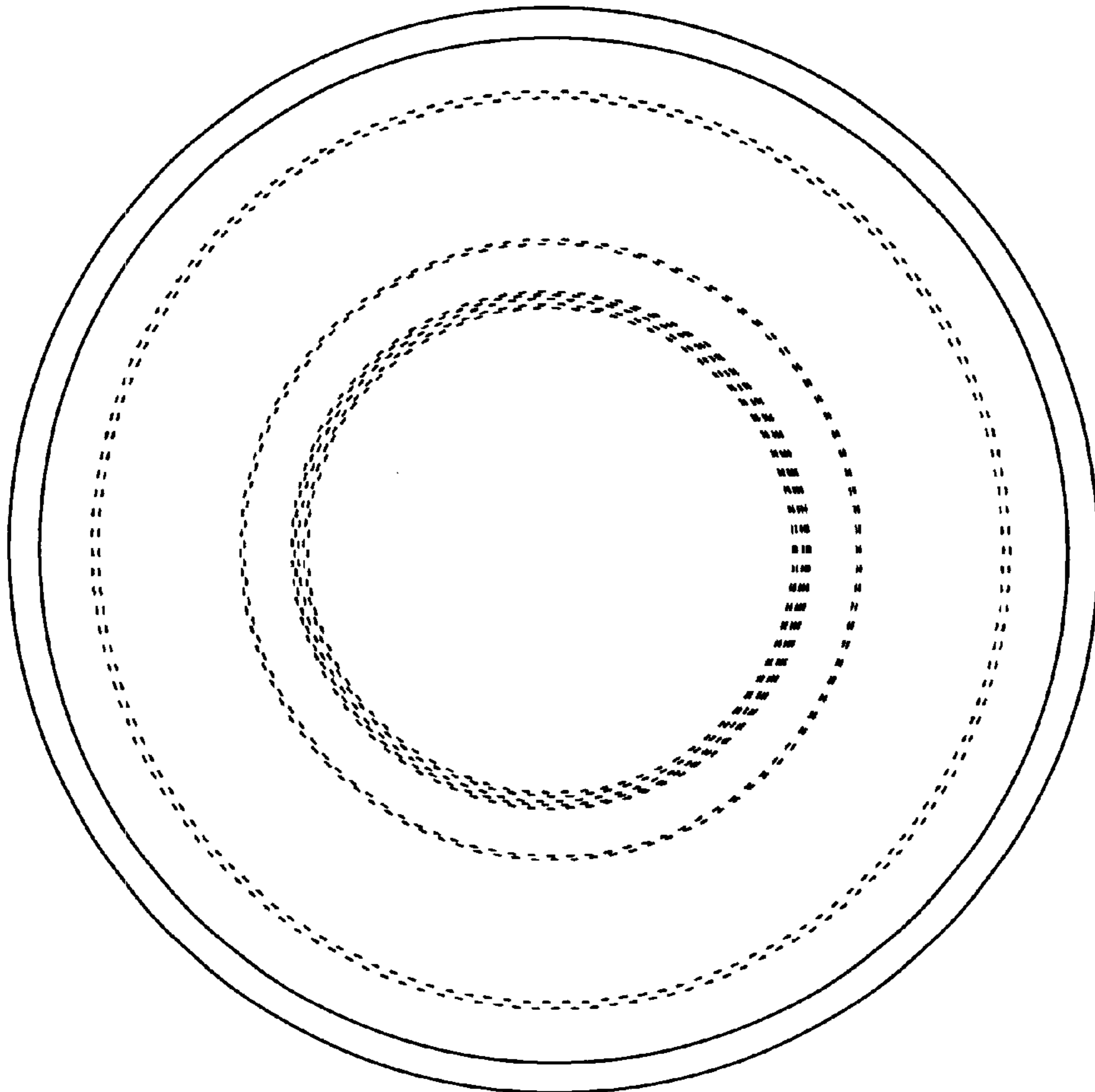


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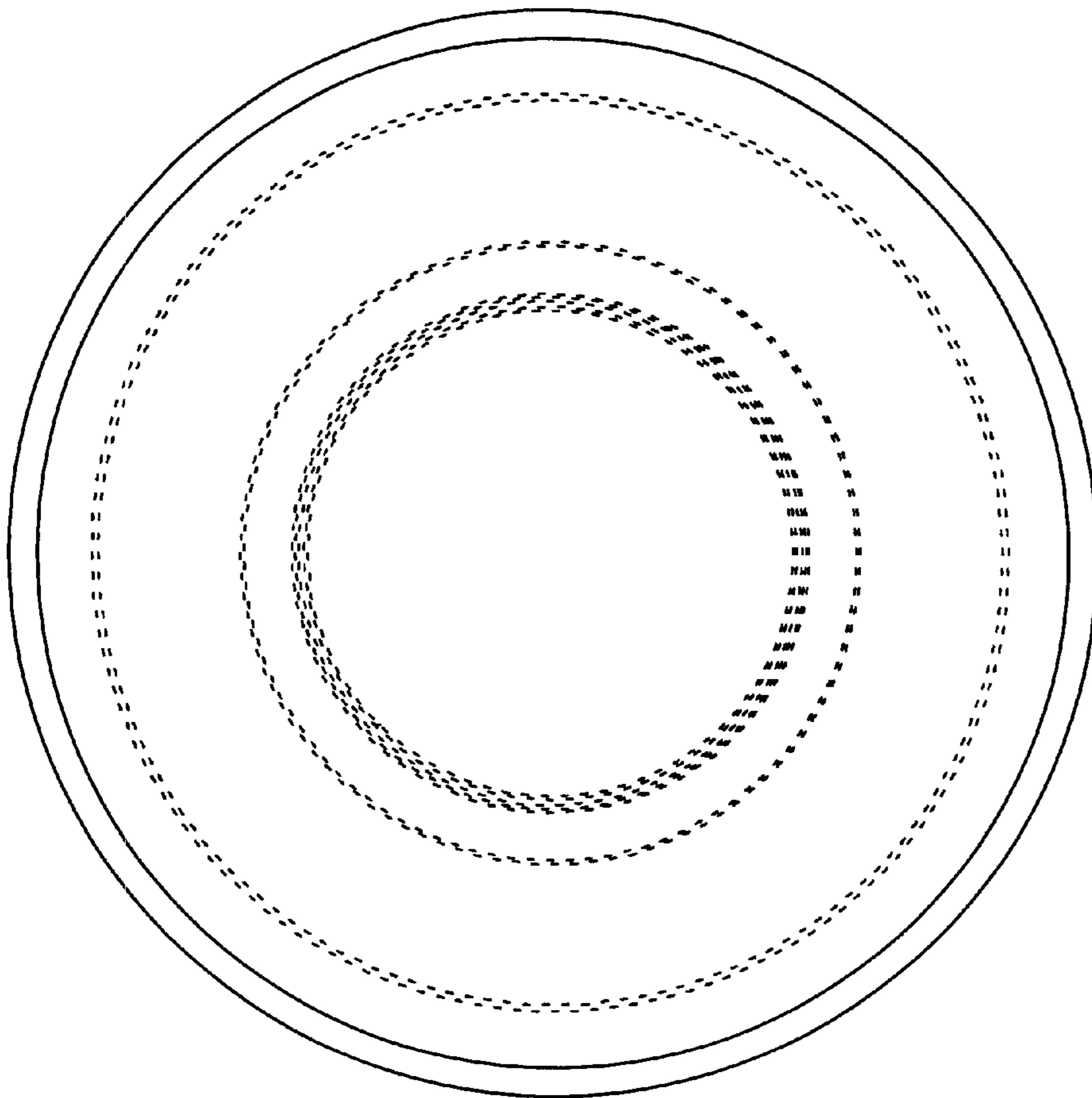


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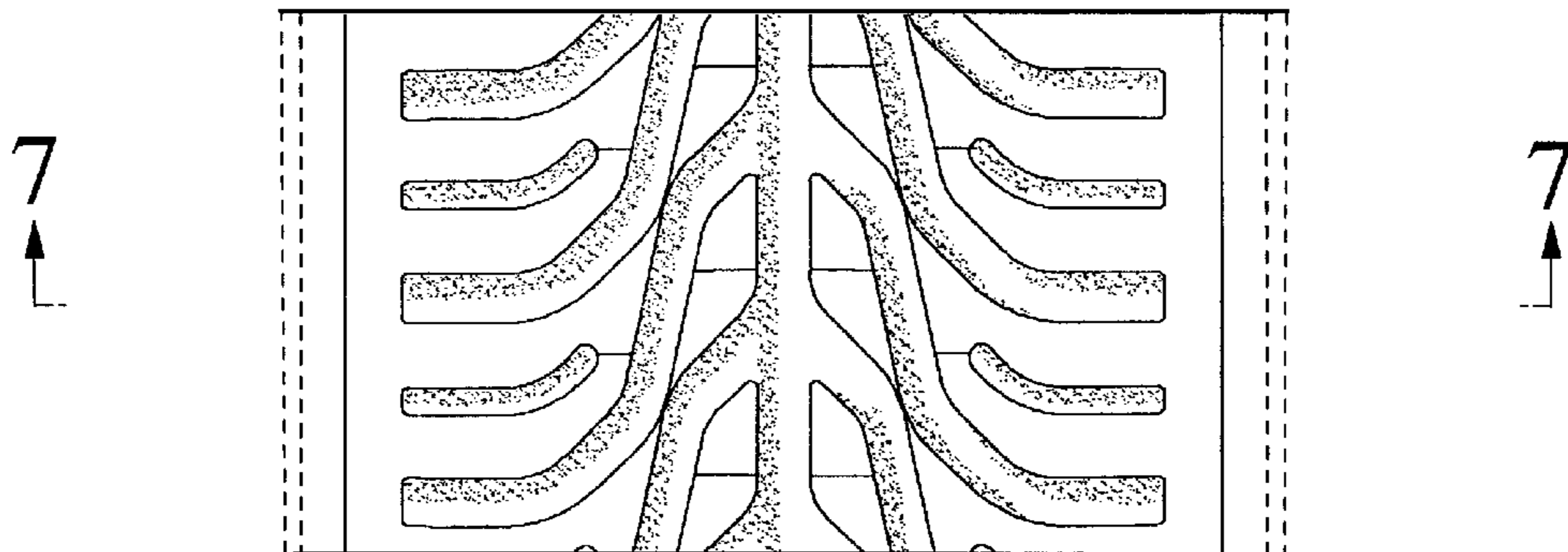
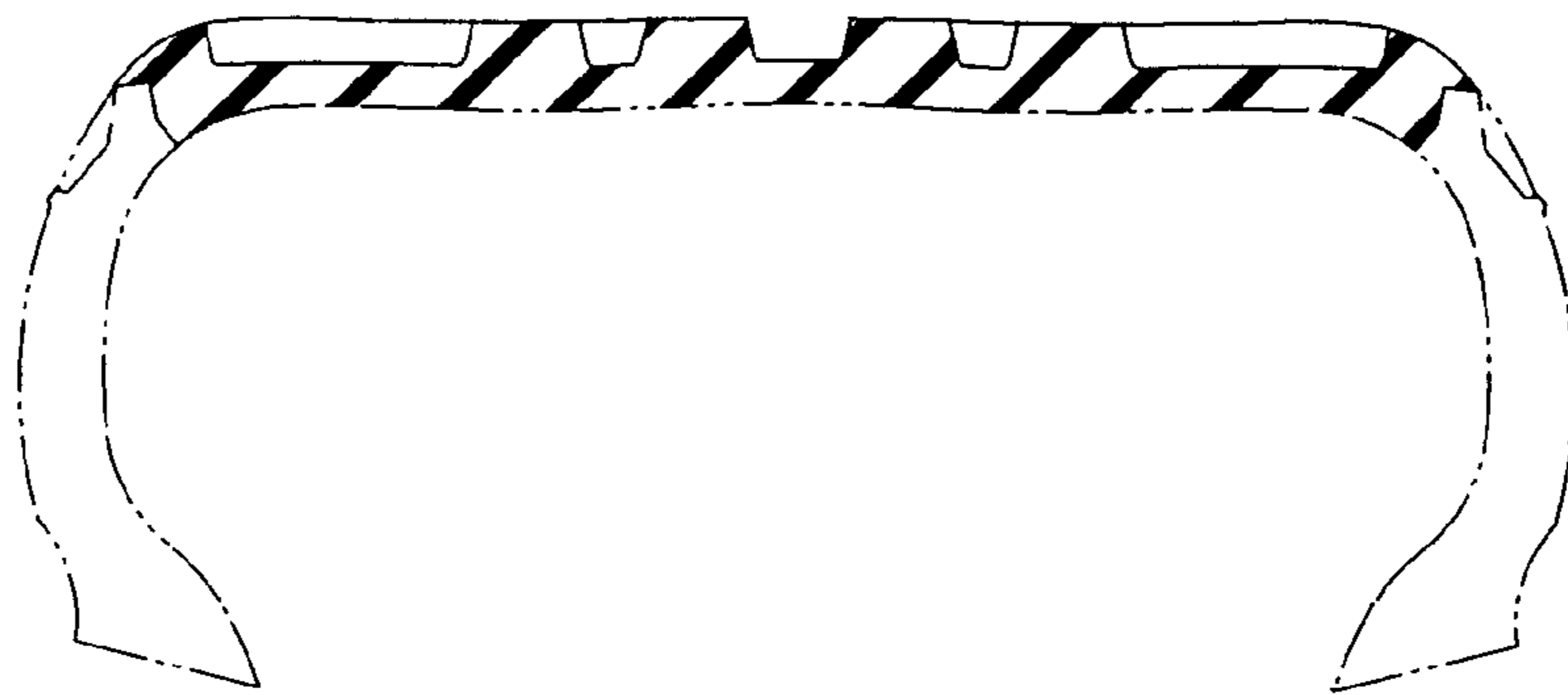


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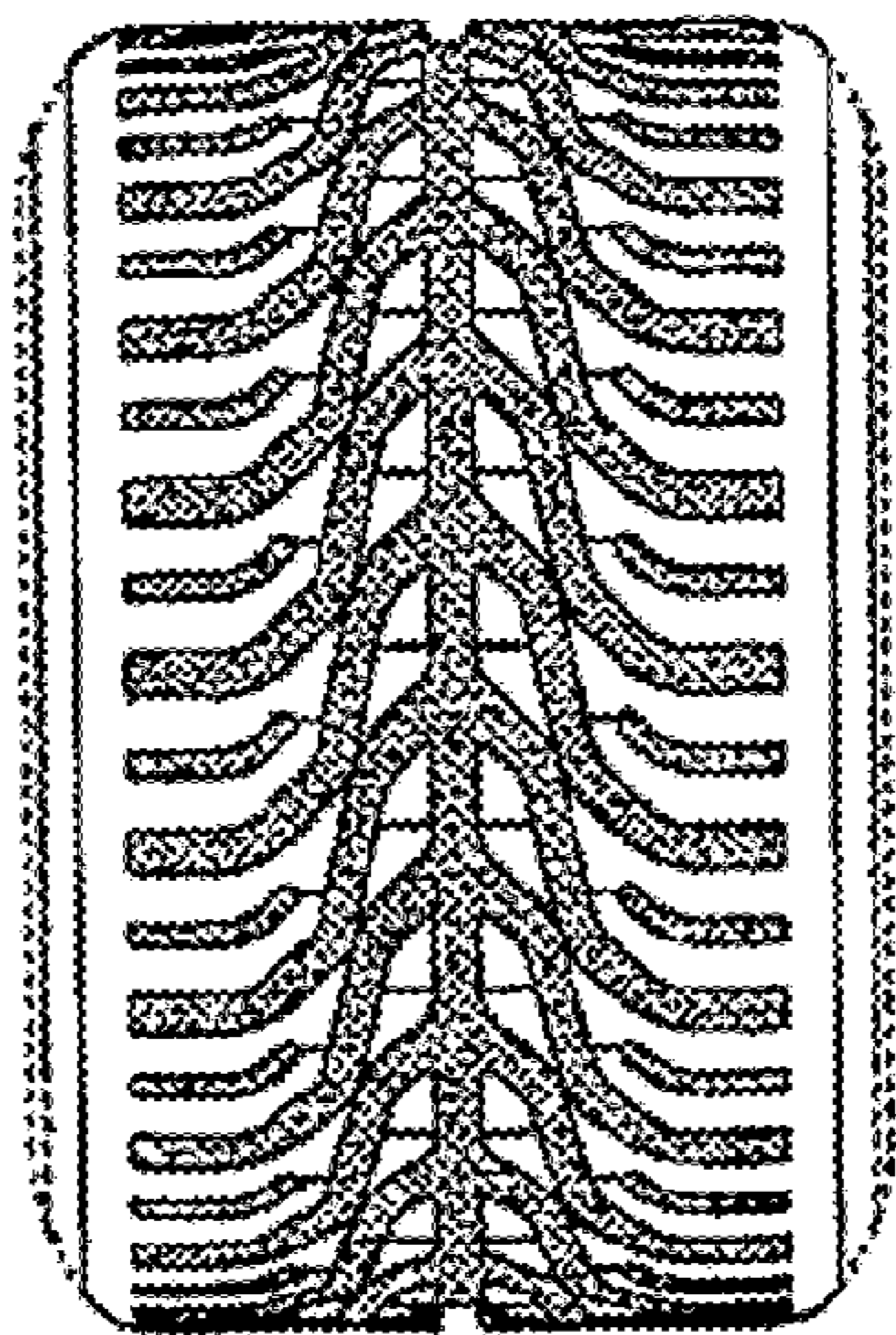


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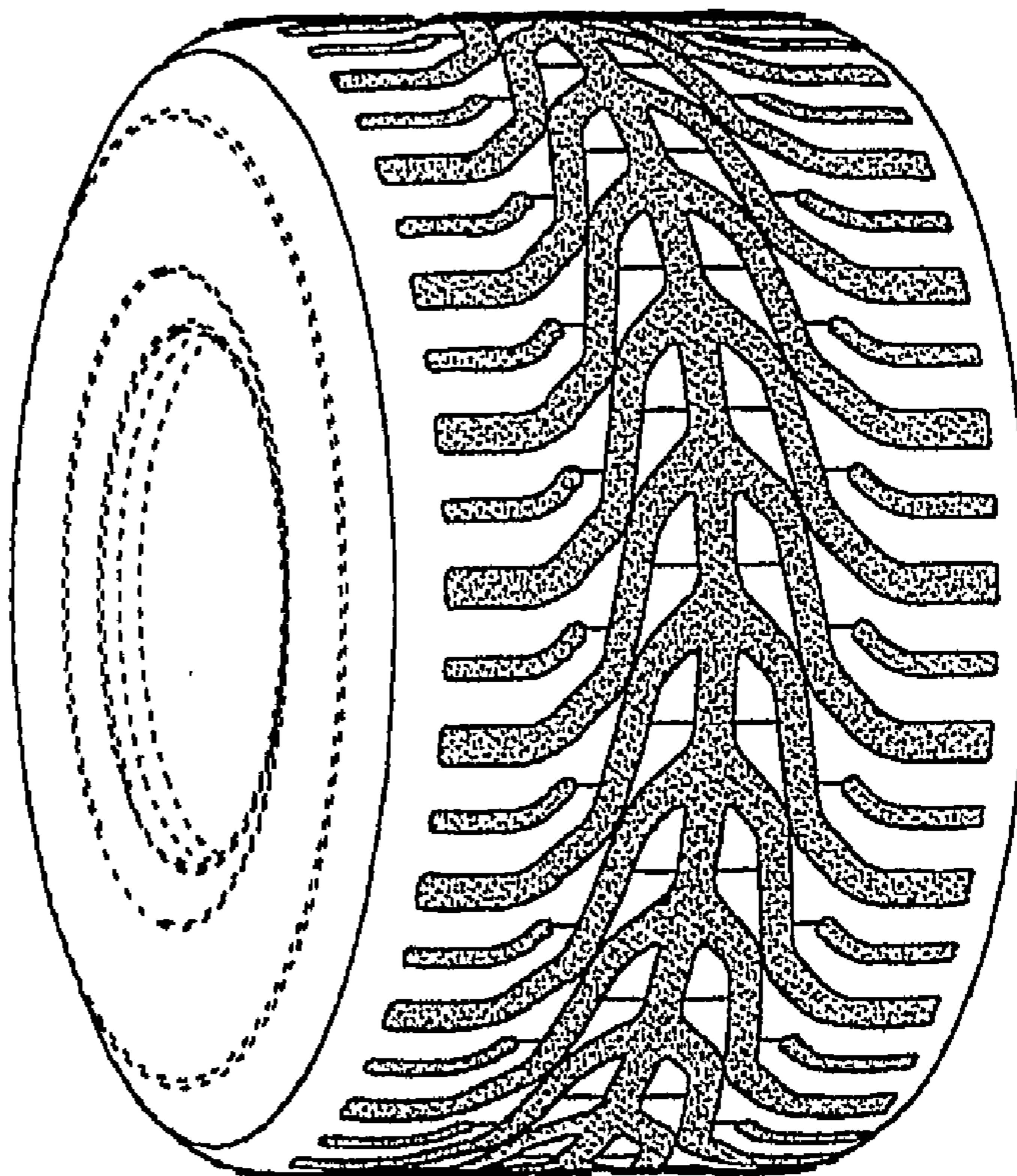


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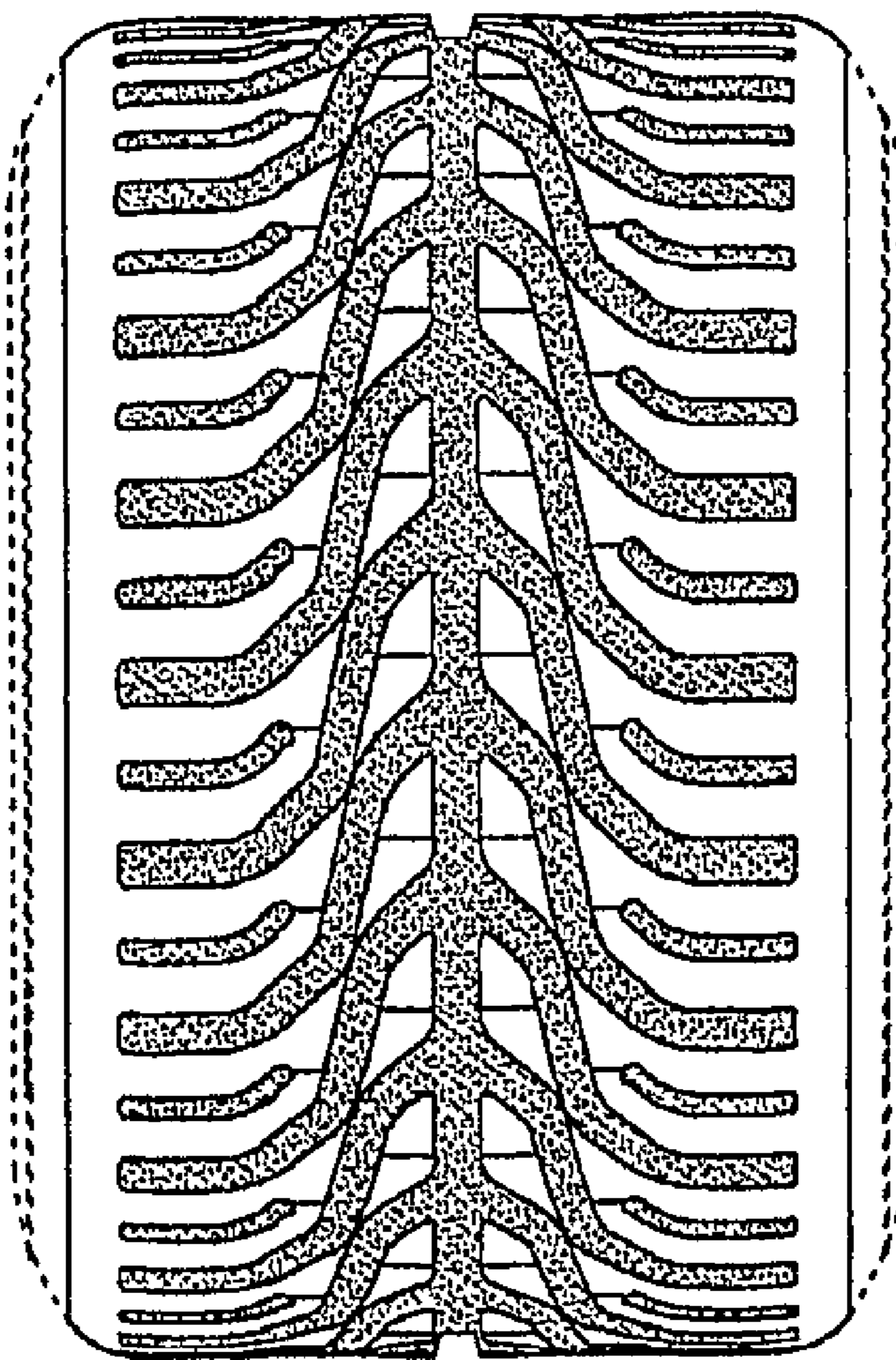


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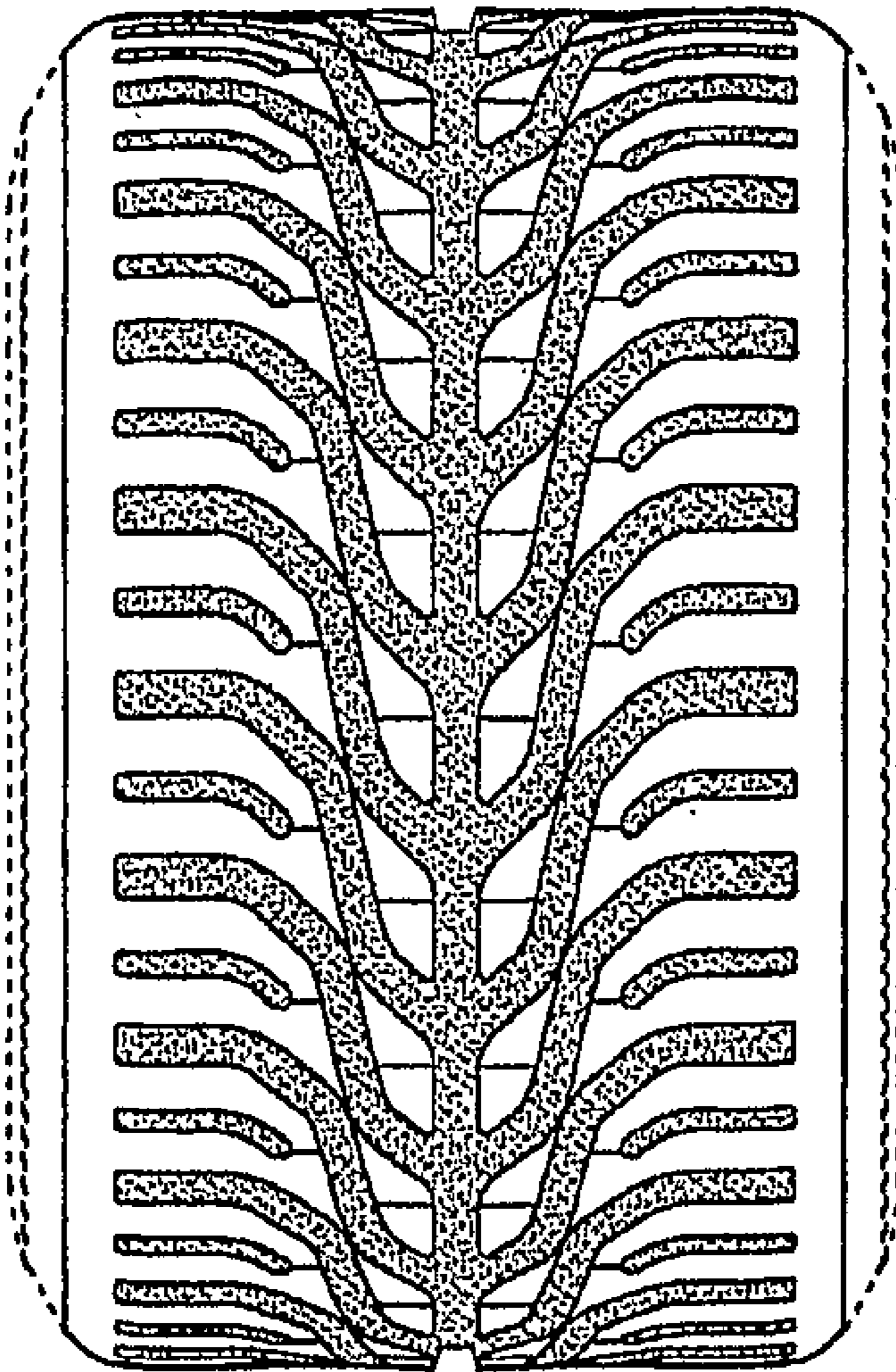
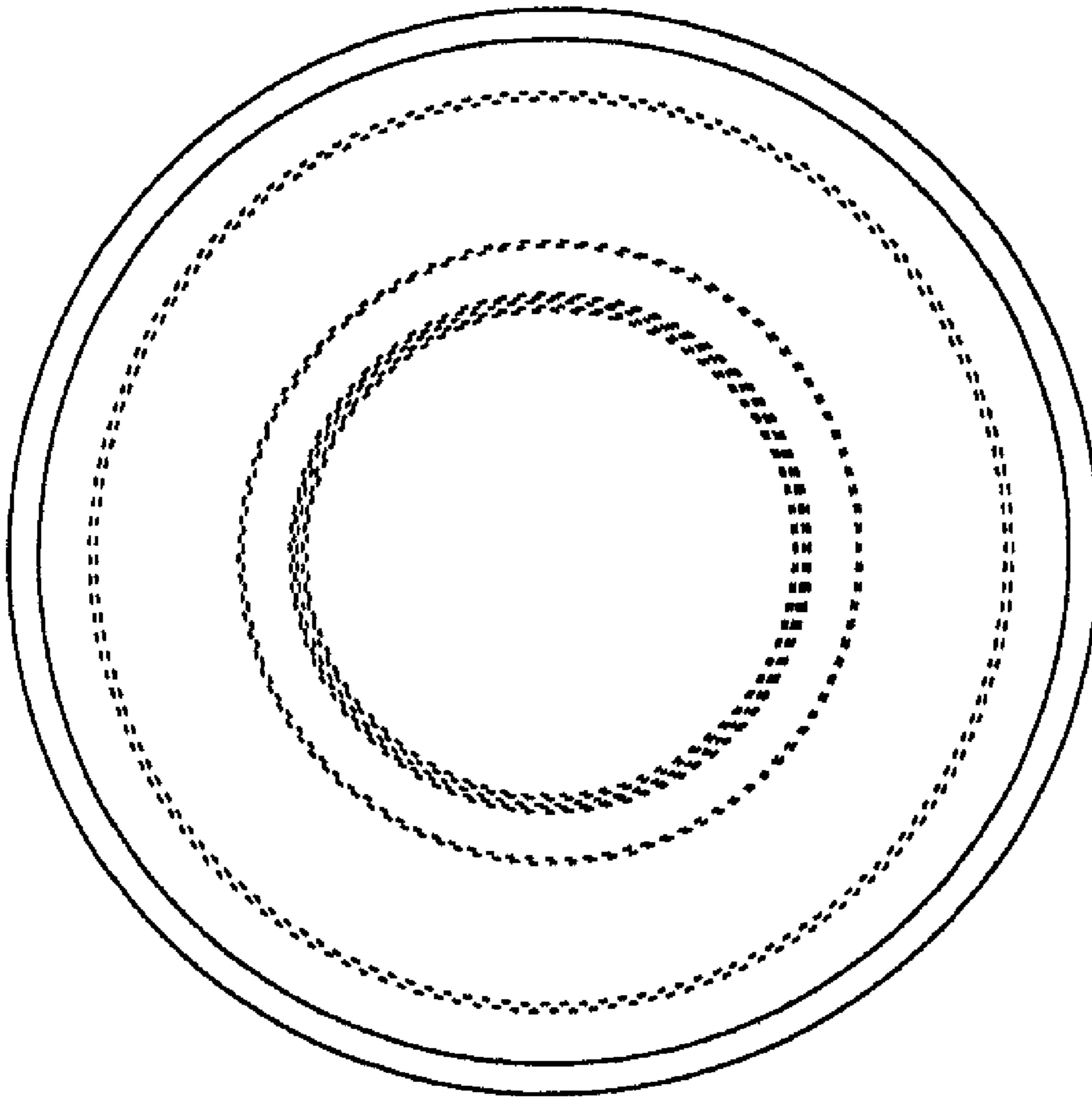


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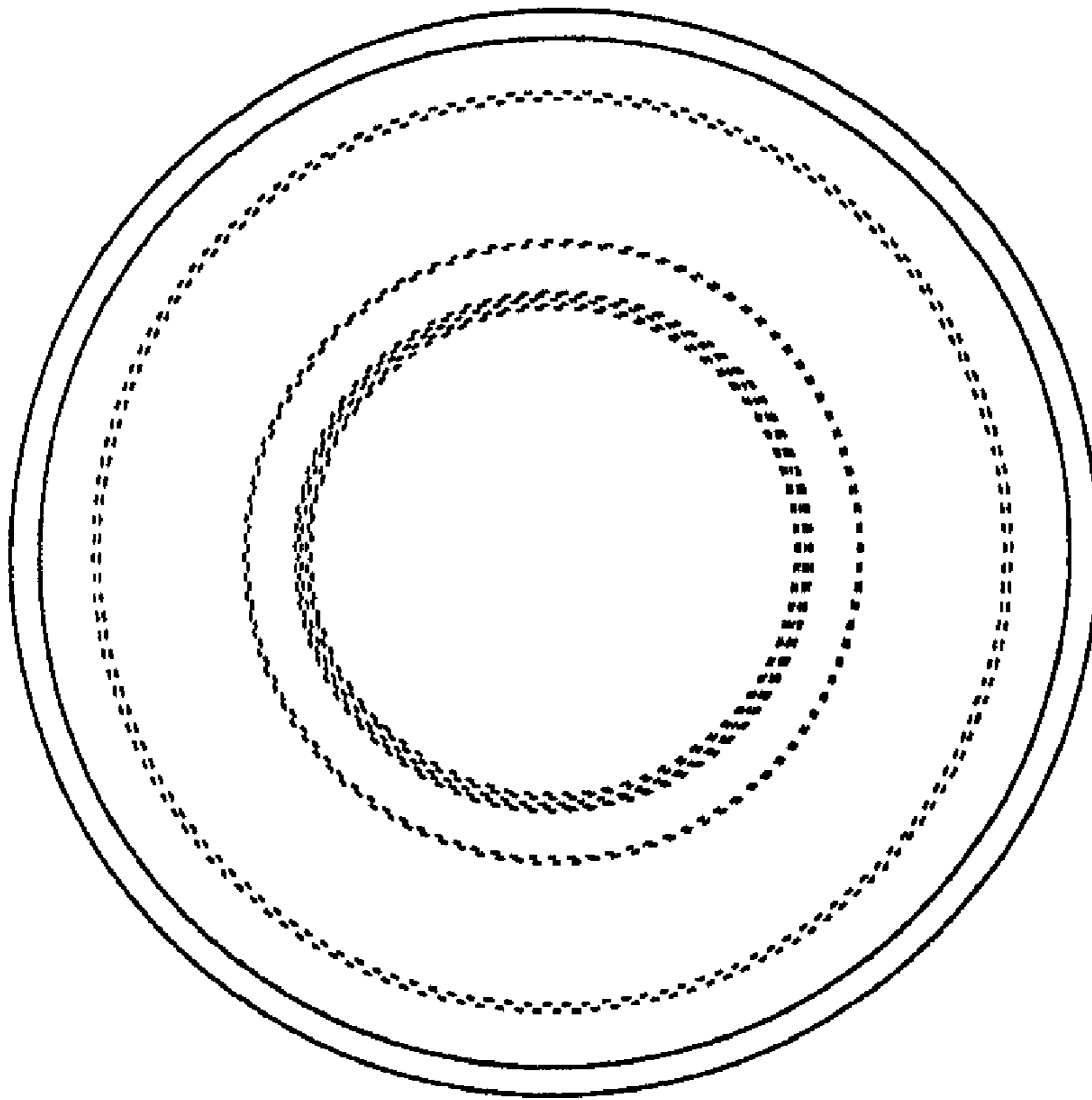


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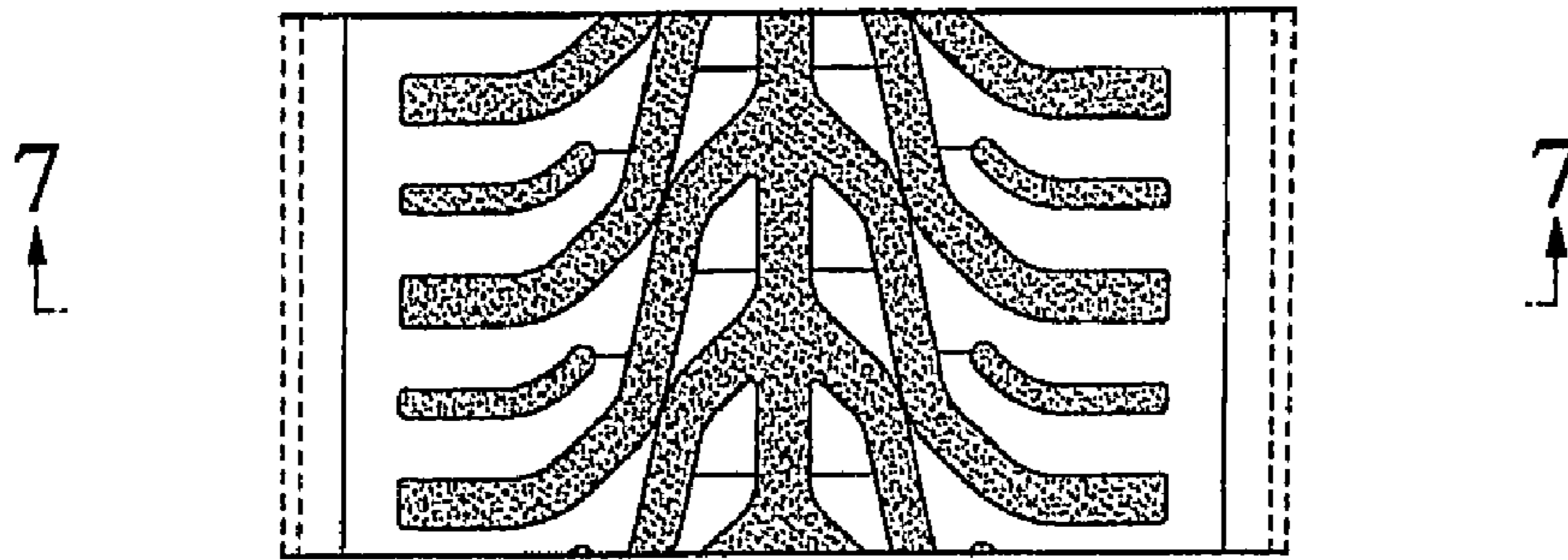




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